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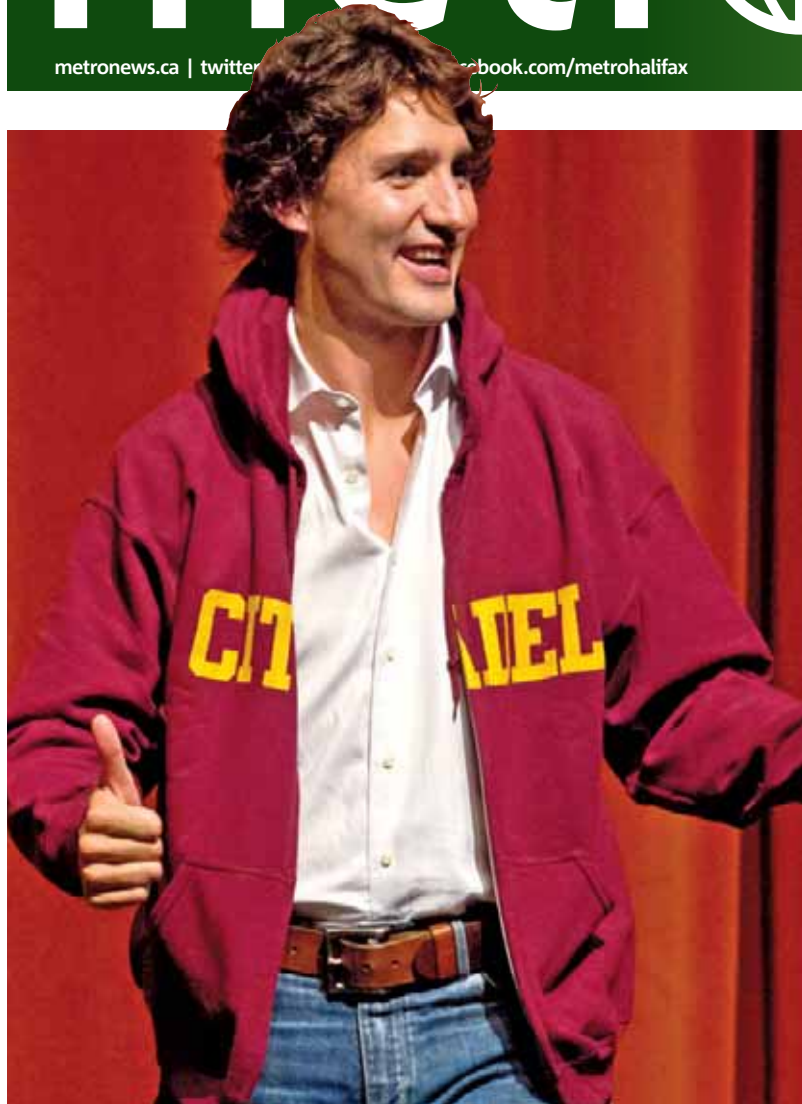
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Justin Trudeau gives the thumbs-up after trying on a Citadel High School sweater that he received as a gift after talk with the school's students on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Building his own legacy

### Trudeaumania 2.0?

Students give Liberal leadership contender a warm welcome

Justin Trudeau says he wants to be prime minister — and he's working on a new generation of Trudeaumaniacs to take him there.

The MP for Papeau visited Citadel High on Tuesday afternoon to speak to an auditorium of future voters, fielding questions covering everything from Canada's peacekeeping missions to engaging young people in the political process.

"There's more to being a citizen than just voting, it's being involved in your community," he told the crowd. "Figure out how you can get involved in pushing that thing you care about ... and

### Quoted

"My website, very easy, Justin.ca — yes, I beat Justin Bieber to being the 'Justin' in Canada."

Justin Trudeau

at some point as you get involved, you will discover politics."

Trudeau told students his concerns in high school were focused on figuring out how to make a difference, leading first to a career as a high school teacher.

"That's eventually what led me into making a bigger and bigger difference and now running for the leader of the Liberal party and, fingers crossed, eventually prime minister," he said to loud cheers and applause.

Dozens of students gathered after the formal presentation for pictures, autographs and pointed questions about the possibility of a coalition govern-

ment with the NDP (won't happen, he says) and the oilsands in Alberta (too important to the economy to just shut down, was his answer).

Co-presidents of the Citadel student council Julia Morrison and Julia Lawrence said they were impressed with Trudeau's interaction with the students.

"I found his presentation very engaging. He's very relatable, very kind," said Morrison, adding he seemed "not at all" like a politician. "He accepted all the questions really well, I thought it was awesome."

Both young women said they know little about the Trudeau political legacy and weren't swayed one way or the other by the name.

"When I told my parents about this event, they were very enthusiastic about it and almost over-enthusiastic," said Lawrence. "He's almost following the legacy, but with a completely different spin on it. This is about him, this is about the future." RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO

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# School-board chair hopes new team won't face even more cuts

## Money troubles.

Irvine Carvery says deep financial woes one possible reason for lack of candidates

ANDREW RANKIN

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After chairing a school board that suffered through deep cuts to the province's education system, Irvine Carvery hopes the bleeding has finally stopped.

"I think the government is realizing you can't continually cut education," said the current chair of the Halifax Regional School Board who will be seeking re-election Saturday.

"I'm hoping that the government has gotten that message and that they'll spare education in their zest to balance the books."

Because of funding cuts by the province, the board was forced to shed 150 teachers in time for the start of the school year. The provincial government has reduced education funding by \$13.4 million for this year, adding

to last year's cut of \$17.6 million.

It was a particularly constraining four-year term said Carvery, especially for a group of brand new members. He admits the difficulty of the job might explain why so few candidates are on the election slate.

Districts 6 and 7 boast only one candidate, while five other seats feature just two.

Education Minister Ramona Jennex said the province has provided "appropriate" education funding, adding it's up to both the government and school board to work more closely with residents.

"We have to become engaged," said Jennex. "There is still a large area of the population which doesn't know what a school board is and does. We need to raise the profile of what a school board does in the province."

Steve Warburton is the lone candidate for District 7. He said he's running to bring more openness to the school board and to encourage more public involvement.

"That's really important for the education system to work at its best."

## HRSB candidates

- **District 1:** Bridget Ann Boutillier; Steve Brine
- **District 2:** Nancy Jakeman; Jany-Ellen Klenavic; Anne Totten
- **District 3:** Graham Judge; Gin Yee
- **District 4:** Cindy Littlefair; Dawn E. Penney
- **District 5:** Christy Linders; Michael R. McGinnis; Chris Poole
- **District 6:** Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison – acclaimed
- **District 7:** Steve Warburton – acclaimed
- **District 8:** Wade Marshall; Dave Wright
- **African Nova Scotian representative:** Irvine Carvery; Melinda Daye
- **Conseil scolaire acadien provincial:** Lucien Comeau; Jacques LeBlanc; Emmanuel Nahimana; Brenda Pickup; André Surette



Halifax Regional School Board Chair Irvine Carvery is one of 23 candidates running for a seat on the school board. METRO FILE

## Further decline in enrolment expected



Ramona Jennex JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

While the province's education minister refused to say whether the newly-elected school board would suffer more education cuts, her outlook wasn't reassuring.

"We made sure that the funding we're providing our school boards is the appropriate amount," said Ramona Jennex. "We are realigning the system in the past couple of years because of the decreased enrolment. Overall our classes are way down. Overall the population has been decreasing dramatically. Next year there will be a further decline in enrolment."

But she said she's looking forward to working with the new board.

## The job

"My role is to support the school boards in what they need."

Education Minister Ramona Jennex

"They play a vital role," Jennex said.

Last month the province announced it would hire 45 new elementary teachers in HRM schools for this year, something Halifax Regional School Board Chair Irvine Carvery said the board pushed hard for.

The board is still waiting to see which of the 10 capital project applications submit-

ted to the province for approval will get funding. One of them includes building a new South Dartmouth school to replace Southdale-North Woodside School and South Woodside, but the board hasn't decided whether to close South Woodside yet.

The proposals are currently being studied by the province's treasury board.

Jennex said she doesn't support one potential project over the other.

"I don't have personal priorities," she said. "The priorities come from the school board through the treasury board making sure that they're good solid business cases." ANDREW RANKIN/METRO

## Drug trafficking

### Woman charged in methadone death

RCMP in the Annapolis Valley have charged a 21-year-old woman with criminal negligence causing death. Katanna MacDonald, 20, from Greenwood, died June 21 after allegedly consuming methadone.

Kelsey Leanne Pynch of Nicholsville was arrested Oct. 11 near Aylesford. In addition

to the criminal negligence charge, she faces two charges of trafficking methadone. She is scheduled to appear in court Nov. 26.

Kings District RCMP members were called to a medical emergency June 18 in Greenwood where they found MacDonald in medical distress. She was taken to Valley Regional Hospital where she later died.

Kings West Liberal MLA Leo Glavine says the death should send a message to people who might think of



Katanna MacDonald CONTRIBUTED

selling their own prescriptions or diverting methadone onto the streets. KING'S COUNTY REGISTER

## Suspect at large

### Gunman tries to abduct man from south-end home

Halifax police are hunting for a suspect in connection with an attempted abduction in the south end.

Around 10 a.m. Tuesday, the man got into a home on Oakland Road and tried to force another man out at gunpoint.

According to a police release, the resident was able to "force the suspect to flee," and then contacted police.

The victim was unhurt.

Officers and a K9 unit searched the area but couldn't find the suspect.

He's described as white, about six feet tall, slim and wearing a black jacket and dark pants. Anyone with information is asked to contact police or Crime Stoppers. METRO

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## Outreach. Province says program getting Halifax homeless off the streets

A new provincial outreach program aimed at getting people off the streets of HRM and into their own homes is working, the province says.

Community Services Minister Denise Peterson-Rafuse, announced Tuesday morning at the Salvation Army on Gottingen Street that 249 people are back on their feet and no longer homeless after being moved into permanent housing.

"It really tears at your heart," Peterson-Rafuse said of those living in poverty. "It's still not enough, but it's moving forward."

The project started about 18 months ago, after the minister met with shelter operators in Halifax and developed a plan based on their real-life experience.

"It tells you what we already know. Success comes from the community," Peterson-Rafuse said.

Eight support-staff members have been hired to help those dealing with mental disabilities, criminal history or addiction problems start again.

"At the end of the day, if you're supporting individuals that have mental-health needs and you're helping them ... 10 years down the road they're not going to be



Community Services Minister  
Denise Peterson-Rafuse  
METRO FILE PHOTO

in the emergencies," said Peterson-Rafuse.

Peterson-Rafuse committed \$400,000 a year to fund the program, and said she'll be "keeping an eye" at the growth potential for the rest of the province.

Paul Craig started as a support worker in January, and has housed 65 people already. He spent some time in jail a few years ago, and said he understands the struggles of those he works with.

"I don't care who you are, where you work. Everybody gets knocked down at some point in time and needs a hand," he said.

HALEY RYAN/FOR METRO

## MV Miner. Government halts salvage of vessel over safety concerns

Nova Scotia's labour minister says the province stopped the salvage of a stranded ship off Cape Breton because the hull of the vessel is in such bad shape.

Marilyn More said Tuesday staff within her department concluded that the integrity of the MV Miner's hull is in question.

"There started to be questions among our staff about whether or not we could ensure that would be a safe workplace for workers," she

said after a cabinet meeting. Provincial officials issued a verbal stop-work order Friday and followed up with a written order Monday.

The weather in the area off Scatarie Island where the ship is stranded is getting worse, raising more questions about worker safety, More said.

"The deterioration was progressing.... It was potentially increasing the risk to workers at that site," More added. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### In court

### Trial begins for former Mooseheads netminder

The trial of former Halifax Mooseheads goaltender Mark Yetman on two counts of sexual assault, two counts of choking and one count of threatening is underway.

The charges stem from an incident that occurred

in December 2009 in Thorold, Ont.

Yetman, now 24, suited up for the Mooseheads from 2006 to 2009. He played at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ont., in 2009-10, and has spent the past two seasons in Newfoundland with the Grand Falls-Windsor Cataracts senior men's team.

According to niagaradvance.ca, the trial began Tuesday and continues Wednesday.

MATTHEW WUEST/METRO



## Province calling on everyone to get their flu shots

Health Minister Dave Wilson gets his flu shot from Kathleen Gentile at Northwood Tuesday after a short press conference. The province provides a flu shot for all Nova Scotians, free of charge, and is calling on everyone to get one. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

# Ottawa may throw off N.S. budget

### Quoted

"We're acutely aware of it."

Premier Darrell Dexter  
On this unknown document

**Worried.** Province says it remains saddled with a \$231-million budget deficit

Premier Darrell Dexter says he's concerned Ottawa could soon throw off the province's bid to balance its budget this spring.

Dexter, speaking to reporters Tuesday after a cabinet meeting, said Finance Minister Jim Flaherty is poised to release a document that could lob a "huge wrench" into the government's plans — but he didn't say what that document was.

"We're on track, (but) so much of what we do is directly related to what the federal government does," he said.

About 35 per cent of the province's revenues comes from federal sources.

The premier said last-minute federal adjustments could cost the province hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue.

"You can work down a path to a balance and get within a few days of your budget com-

ing down and all of a sudden, have a huge wrench thrown into that," Dexter said.

When Dexter's New Democrats were elected to govern in 2009, they promised to balance the books the following year without raising taxes.

Instead, the government raised the harmonized sales tax by two percentage points and shelved its balanced budget pledge until 2013.

Earlier this year, the government announced it would

roll back the HST increase over two years, starting in 2014.

Dexter said despite a big decline in royalty revenue from Nova Scotia's offshore energy producers, the province is in much better shape than in 2009.

He said 8,800 more people are working now and the jobless rate has fallen from 9.3 per cent to 8.6 per cent even though the province has endured "three years of one of the greatest recessions in our lifetime."

The province currently remains saddled with a \$231-million budget deficit, said Finance Minister Maureen MacDonald.

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## Irving Shipbuilding OK with agreement release

Irving Shipbuilding Inc. says it will withdraw its request to overturn Ottawa's decision to release portions of the umbrella agreements signed earlier this year as part of the national shipbuilding procurement project.

The private company filed an application with the Federal Court earlier this month arguing that the documents contain sensitive information that should not be made public.

But in a brief statement Tuesday, the company said it

will no longer pursue its application.

"There was a very short window of time to review the government's decision to release certain commercially sensitive portions of the umbrella agreement, and in the interest of taking sufficient time to review that decision, a judicial review application was filed before the time expired," the company said.

"Having now had sufficient time to review the government's decision and the applicable text of the

umbrella agreement to be released, Irving Shipbuilding has no issue with the release of the text and will be withdrawing its request for judicial review."

The Public Works Department received a request under access-to-information legislation earlier this year for the umbrella agreements that the federal government signed with the Irving shipyard in Halifax and Vancouver's Seaspan Marine Corp. shipyard.

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### Irving shipyard

- **Funds.** Ottawa announced a year ago that the Irving shipyard would receive the lion's share of its \$35-billion federal shipbuilding procurement project.
- **Vessels.** Under its \$25-billion deal, that shipyard will build 21 combat vessels.



# Bingo! comes to Neptune Theatre

**Cape Breton.** Play about high school reunion runs until Nov. 4

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An evening of bingo usually doesn't involve this many tequila shots.

Neptune Theatre's newest play, *Bingo!*, brings director Daniel MacIvor's work to the Fountain Hall stage for the very first time.

"It's the idea that some-

times we happen to be in exactly the right place at exactly the right time," said MacIvor in discussing the play, which is set in his homeland of Cape Breton.

In *Bingo!*, five friends get together on the night before their 30th high school reunion to relive their youth, and during the evening secrets are spilled and romance blooms.

As well, a drinking game not played since high school called *Bingo* is brought back to life.

"It reminds us of a time before life became so complicated," MacIvor said.

Dreamed up by MacIvor a

## Ticket information

**Bingo! opens Friday at Neptune Theatre. Visit [neptunetheatre.com](http://neptunetheatre.com) for ticket information.**

couple years ago when working in Alberta on a darker tragedy piece, he wanted to do something completely opposite, and *Bingo!* was a way to make audiences laugh.

"The object wasn't to challenge the audience. I wanted to give them a hug," he said.

Emmy Alcorn, artistic director of Mulgrave Road Theatre, which is producing

*Bingo!*, also stars as the opinionated Laura "Boots" Boutlier.

"It's a comedy with depth," Alcorn said. "It's real humanity in the play. You don't have to be from Nova Scotia to appreciate what's going on."

While tough, *Boots* has many aspects that become developed as the play goes on, Alcorn said, allowing the audience to come on a journey with the cast, which includes Heather Rankin of *The Rankins*.

"I want people to walk away feeling a little bit thoughtful about themselves, their lives, without any darkness about that," Alcorn said.



Heather Rankin, left, is Bitsy, and Emmy Alcorn is Boots in Neptune Theatre's latest production of *Bingo*. JEFF HARPER/METRO



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Police officers patrol outside the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham, England, where Pakistani girl Malala Yousufzai, inset, is being treated.

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# Shot Pakistani girl's visitors questioned

**Malala Yousufzai.** Two 'relatives' of 14-year-old activist shot by Taliban questioned by police after trying to visit her in hospital

British police have questioned two people who tried to visit a hospitalized Pakistani teenager shot for promoting girls' education, raising fears about her safety following pledges by the Taliban to make another attempt on her life.

Fourteen-year-old Malala Yousufzai was shot in the head by the Taliban last week as she was returning home from school in Pakistan. She

## Quote

**"The brain is like real estate.... Location is everything."**

Dr. Anders Cohen, chief of neurosurgery. He said Yousufzai's recovery will depend on the path the bullet took through her brain.

was airlifted Monday to Britain to receive specialized medical care and protection from followup attacks threatened by the militants.

Medical Director Dr. Dave Rosser of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham stressed Tuesday that security was "under control" at the hospital after the overnight incident. He said several people had turned up at the hospital claiming to be the girl's rela-

tives but didn't get very far.

Rosser said the people were arrested, but police said they had only been questioned.

"We don't believe there's any threat to her personal security," he said, explaining the hospital did not believe the suspects were related to Malala. "We think it's probably people being over-curious."

Police would not immediately confirm the details of the incident.

Malala was targeted by the Taliban for promoting girls' education and criticizing the militant group's behaviour when they took over the scenic Swat Valley where she lived. Two of her classmates were also wounded in the attack and are receiving treatment in Pakistan. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Recovery

Fourteen-year-old Malala Yousufzai's age is an advantage, doctors say.

- **Optimism.** Doctors are optimistic that Malala's age is in her favour. Unlike adults, the brains of teenagers are still growing and better able to adapt to trauma.

- **Realism.** While details on the path of the bullet and damage have not been released, two physicians say it is extremely unlikely that a full recovery can be made.

## Abduction. U.K. charges citizen over journalists' ordeal while in Syria

A British man has been charged in the kidnapping of two Western journalists in Syria, police said Tuesday, adding to growing concerns about foreign extremists travelling to the civil-war-stricken Arab state and posing a future threat to the West.

Shajul Islam, 26, was arrested on suspicion of terror offences on Oct. 9 at London's Heathrow Airport after arriving on a flight from Egypt alongside a 26-year-old British woman. The woman, who has not been named, was released without charge earlier Tuesday.

Islam was accused of working with others to "unlawfully and injuriously imprison" two photographers, Briton John Cantlie and his Dutch colleague Jeroen Oerlemans, against their will between July 17 and July 26 in Syria, police said. He was remanded in custody and expected to appear in a London court on Wednesday.

The abduction of the veteran journalists raised concerns that British Muslims might be slipping into Syria to join extremists. The photographers said after their week-long or-

deal that some of their captors spoke with British accents.

Oerlemans, a prominent Dutch photographer who was shot twice during a failed attempt to escape from his captors, told The Associated Press last week that the ages of Islam and the released woman appeared to be consistent with the ages of the people who held him hostage shortly after he entered Syria on July 19. But he said there were no women involved in the kidnapping.

Police have declined to comment on British press reports that one of the pair picked up at the airport may be a British National Health Service doctor believed to have been involved with an Islamist terror group in Syria.

Cantlie, who had worked for the Sunday Times newspaper, had said that none of his captors were Syrian.

"They were from anywhere but Syria. They were from Bangladesh, they were from Pakistan, they were from the U.K., they were from Chechnya, the Caucasus — a real mix," he told the BBC in an interview.

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## Monarchy. Prince Charles's letters to government are to remain private

No, you cannot read Prince Charles's letters to British government officials.

Attorney General Dominic Grieve on Tuesday overruled three judges who decided last month that the public had a right to see what sort of advice the opinionated prince was offering to the government.

The letters are "particularly frank," and Britons reading them might not think the prince is politically neutral, as a monarch must be, Grieve said.

"Much of the correspondence does indeed reflect the Prince of Wales' most deeply held personal views and beliefs," Grieve said in a statement setting out his reasoning.

The letters "contain remarks about public affairs which would in my view, if revealed, have had a material effect upon the willingness of the government to engage in correspondence with the Prince of Wales."

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# Minister wants to pay back taxpayers

A Winnipeg doctor who had sex with two female patients and improperly wrote them OxyContin prescriptions has been suspended.

And now Manitoba's health minister said an investigation has been launched to recover any taxpayer money that may have gone toward inappropriate billing.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba held an inquiry on the behaviour

of Dr. Randy Raymond Allan, where he pleaded guilty to professional misconduct.

The college has suspended Allan for 18 months, though he hasn't been practising at his clinic since the allegations arose.

According to the inquiry panel, Allan "failed to maintain appropriate boundaries with two female patients ... that he had personal and sexual relationships with them during the

same periods that he was providing medical care to them."

Dr. Allan also "issued prescriptions for OxyContin to both patients ... because of his personal and sexual relationships with them."

The panel said Dr. Allan didn't create complete medical profiles for both women and in some instances didn't note the prescriptions he wrote in their profiles.

He then billed the Mani-

toba government for house calls when in actuality he was visiting for sex.

It's a very concerning situation and without a doubt it warrants discipline in my view," said Health Minister Theresa Oswald, adding that if there was any inappropriate billing, "we're certainly going to be seeking to recover any of those costs."

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Dr. Allan

## Consequences

- Under Manitoba's Regulated Health Professions Act, complaints and discipline require "a swift turnaround."

- Dr. Allan has already been suspended by the College of

Physicians and Surgeons.

- The province also launched an investigation to recover any taxpayer money spent inappropriately.

- Dr. Allan stopped practising at his clinic when the allegations first arose.



Paramedics attend to an injured person following the shooting of a Canadian border guard on Tuesday in B.C.

CURTIS KREKLAW/FOR METRO

## Guard shot at B.C. border

**Peace Arch tragedy.** Victim was still breathing when she was loaded into air ambulance on Tuesday, police said

A female Canadian border guard was shot at one of the busiest crossings in Canada on Tuesday and the gunman died after apparently turning his weapon on himself, RCMP say.

The Douglas border crossing, known better as the Peace Arch crossing — which is just south of Vancouver, was closed in both directions Tuesday afternoon.

"The first report at the scene revealed that a male, a lone male, had shot an officer in her booth," said Cpl. Bert Paquet.

"At the instant following the shooting of the officer, the lone male had been pronounced dead at the scene from what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound."

Paquet said the officer's condition isn't known, but

she was breathing when she was loaded into an air ambulance. He said it appeared she'd been shot in the neck.

"We haven't confirmed the identity of the suspect yet. He was entering Canada in a vehicle (with) a Washington plate."

Vic Toews, minister of public safety, said in a statement he was deeply concerned at the news.

"This event is a sobering reminder of the dangerous conditions faced daily by the men and women of our law enforcement agencies as they work to protect the safety and security of Canadians."

A spokeswoman with the Canada Border Services Agency said traffic was being diverted around the crossing.

Glen Pederson, a local resident, said he heard two gunshots in the afternoon but didn't think much of the noise.

Pederson added that dozens of cars were still waiting at the crossing in the late afternoon.

"There was cops there so fast it wasn't even funny," he said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# Marijuana cause makes friends left — and right

**Right-wing weed.** Republicans take 'your body, your choice' philosophy; see big money in legalization

It's not all hippies backing November's marijuana legalization votes in Colorado, Oregon and Washington.

Appealing to Western individualism and a mistrust of federal government, activists have lined up some prominent conservatives, from one-time presidential hopefuls Tom Tancredo and Ron Paul to Republican-turned-Libertarian presidential candidate and former New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson.

"It's fiscally prudent. It would be taxed, regulated, monitored. It makes a lot of sense to Republicans," said Mark Slaugh, a Colorado initiative volunteer who is based in Colorado Springs, which has more Republicans than anywhere else in the state.

Most Republicans still oppose legalization. Presidential candidate Mitt Romney vows to enforce federal law. When running mate Paul Ryan told a Colorado Springs TV station in September that medical marijuana was "up

to Coloradans to decide," his campaign quickly backtracked and said he agreed with Romney.

When activists make their appeal, it goes like this: States should dictate drug law. Decades of federal prohibition have failed where personal responsibility and old-fashioned parenting will succeed. Politicians back East have no business dictating what the states do.

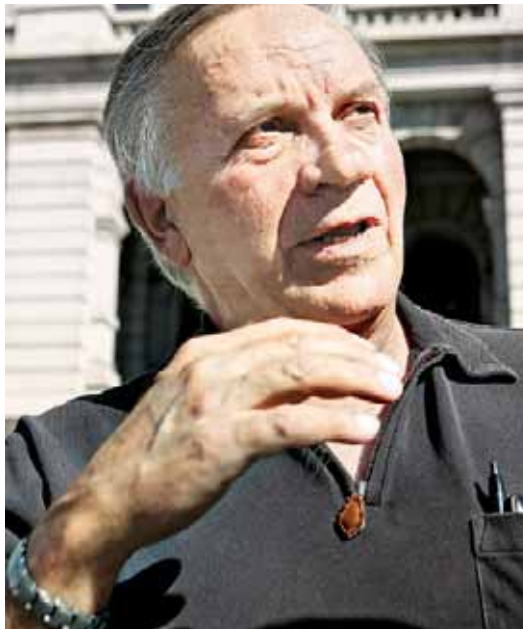
"What is the law against marijuana if it isn't the Nanny State telling you what you can do and what you can't do to your body and with your body?" asked Tancredo, a former Republican congressman from suburban Denver who briefly ran for president in 2008 and endorsed the measure on the steps of the state capitol. He compared federal law to New York City's ban on sugary sodas.

Tancredo launched a radio ad this week in which he compares marijuana prohibition to alcohol prohibition as a "failed government program" that, in this case, "steers Colorado money to criminals in Mexico."

"Proponents of big government have duped us into supporting a similar prohibition of marijuana — even though it can be used safely and responsibly by adults," Tancredo said.

Pot supporters have lined up other surprising allies this year. Conservative stalwart Pat Robertson, for example, said marijuana should be legal.

In Washington state, Re-



Former Republican Rep. Tom Tancredo speaks at an Oct. 2 news conference in favour of legalizing marijuana in Colorado. ED ANDRIESKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

publican U.S. Senate hopeful Michael Baumgartner is running a longshot bid to unseat Democratic U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell, who opposes it.

"It's taking a different approach to a very expensive drug war, and potentially a better approach," he said.

Johnson, the Libertarian candidate, is fiscally conservative but supports such liberal causes as legalizing marijuana, immigration reform and abortion rights. He's said that if elected, he would pardon all non-violent prisoners

convicted of marijuana-related offences in federal court.

Pro-pot conservatives have counterparts on the other side — Democrats who say pot shouldn't be legal without a doctor's recommendation. Democratic governors in Colorado and Washington oppose legalization. Oregon's Democratic governor has not taken a stand.

President Barack Obama's administration has shut down medical marijuana dispensaries in California and Colorado. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Horizontal workouts?

### Zumba instructor's accused johns keep low profile after names released

The first batch of more than 100 men accused of paying a fitness instructor for sex were lying low after police began releasing their names in the small New England town of Kennebunk, Maine, where rumours have run rampant for weeks.

Police on Monday released 21 names of men who were issued summonses for engaging in prostitution with Alexis Wright, a 29-year-old Zumba instructor who's charged with turning her studio into a brothel in the seaside community of 10,000 and secretly videotaping her encounters.

Police said that she kept detailed records suggesting the sex acts generated \$150,000 over 18 months.

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## Terrorism. Judge allows three 9-11 defendants to miss tribunal hearing

Three of the five men charged with plotting the Sept. 11 attacks skipped their military tribunal hearing Tuesday after a judge ruled the men could not be forced to attend the session.

Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the self-professed 9-11 mastermind, was absent as attorneys delved into a dense debate on legal motions, including rules for handling classified evidence at trial.

Mohammed, who has said he conceived and orchestrated the Sept. 11 attacks, gave no reason for avoiding the hearing but on Monday dismissed the military tribunal with scorn, saying "I don't think there is any justice in this court."

All five defendants face the same charges, which include terrorism, conspiracy and 2,976 counts of murder in violation of the law of war. They all could get the death penalty if convicted at a trial that is at least a year away.

Those who showed up in court, for the second day in a week-long pretrial hearing, were Walid bin Attash, a

## Absent

Mohammed wasn't the only one missing from the hearing. Also absent were:

- **Mustafa Ahmad al-Hawsawi**, Saudi defendant
- **Ali Abdal-Aziz**, Pakistani national, allegedly grieving the death of his father

Yemeni who grew up in Saudi Arabia, and Ramzi Binalshibh, another Yemeni who was originally chosen to be one of the hijackers but couldn't get a U.S. visa to enter the country.

The judge presiding over the case, Army Col. James Pohl, ruled Monday over prosecutors' objections that the defendants have the right to be absent from this week's hearing. But Pohl didn't rule out requiring they attend future hearings and said they must attend their trial before a jury of military officers.

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## Beyond boundaries

### 'This is truly a non-partisan issue.'

Mark Slaugh, volunteer for the Colorado legalization initiative

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## Drug smuggling

### Baggage handler handed life sentence

A former American Airlines baggage handler from Barbados has been given life in prison for his role in a drug-smuggling ring operating through New York City's JFK Airport.

A jury found Victor Bourne guilty last year of drug trafficking and money laundering.

Prosecutors accused the 37-year-old Barbados native of helping organize a crew of corrupt airport employees. They said the operation helped smuggle over 150 kilograms of cocaine into the United States between 2000 and 2009.

Authorities say Bourne made millions of dollars. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



# Ex-Bosnian Serb leader denies war crimes

**Genocide.** 'I should be rewarded for all the good things I have done,' Karadzic tells tribunal

Former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic cast himself as a "mild man, a tolerant man" as he opened his defence Tuesday in his long-running genocide trial, claiming he tried to prevent fighting

and then worked to reduce casualties in the bloody 1992-95 Bosnian war.

His claims brought snorts of derision and cries of "He's lying! He's lying!" from some Muslim survivors of the war who were watching the trial from the public gallery at the United Nations tribunal.

Karadzic, 67, who faces charges including genocide and crimes against humanity, was given 90 minutes to make a statement on his role in the

war that left an estimated 100,000 dead. The statement was not made under oath, meaning Karadzic could not be cross-examined by prosecutors.

In another of the tribunal's courtrooms, Goran Hadzic, a former leader of rebel Serbs in Croatia, became the last of the tribunal's 161 indicted suspects to face justice as his trial got underway. He was arrested last year in northern Serbia after more than seven

years on the run and pleaded not guilty to charges of murdering hundreds of Croats and expelling tens of thousands more.

Karadzic, a former psychologist and poet, told judges he was a "physician and literary man" who was a reluctant player in the violent breakup of Yugoslavia. He said before the war many of his friends, including his hairdresser, were Muslims.

Prosecutors have painted

a starkly different picture of Karadzic during months of witness testimony, portraying him as a political leader who masterminded Serb atrocities throughout the war, from campaigns of persecution and murders of Muslims and Croats early in 1992 to the conflict's bloody climax, the 1995 massacre of some 8,000 Muslim men and boys in the UN-protected Srebrenica enclave.

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Radovan Karadzic  
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## Rewriting history

An installation showing a little car running over a tank is seen in Osijek, Croatia, on Tuesday. It commemorates an event from the Croatian conflict in 1991 when a Yugoslav army tank ran over a similar car intentionally placed in front of it. DARKO BANDIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Netherlands. Art heist nets works by Picasso, Monet

Thieves broke into a Rotterdam museum on Tuesday and walked off with works from the likes of Picasso, Monet, Gauguin and Matisse potentially worth hundreds of millions.

Police haven't said how they pulled off the early-hours heist, but an expert who tracks stolen art said the robbers clearly knew what they were after.

"Those thieves got one hell of a haul," said Chris Marinello, who directs the Art Loss Register.

The heist at the Kunsthall museum is one of the largest in years in the Netherlands, and is a stunning blow for the private Triton Foundation collection, which was being exhibited publicly as a group for the first time.

Kunsthall director Emily Ansenk declined to reveal how the museum is protect-

### Missing paintings

- The stolen paintings included: Pablo Picasso's 1971 Harlequin Head, Claude Monet's 1901 Waterloo Bridge, London and Charing Cross Bridge, London, Henri Matisse's 1919 Reading Girl in White and Yellow, and Paul Gauguin's 1898 Girl in Front of Open Window.

ed, other than describing its security as "state of the art" and "functional."

Marinello said the thieves have limited options available, such as seeking a ransom from the owners, the museum or the insurers. They could conceivably sell the paintings in the criminal market too.

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# Suspected Todd tormentor was a false tip: B.C. RCMP

**Amanda Todd suicide.** Group's allegation 'unfounded,' police say, though cited user has history of blackmail, perversion



JESSICA SMITH  
Metro in Toronto

Allegations by an online hacker group that identified a Vancouver-area man as the tormenter of B.C. teen Amanda Todd were "unfounded," according to police.

Todd, 15, committed suicide last week after suffering years of bullying and online sexual exploitation. In September the teen had posted a video on YouTube in which she described how she showed her breasts to an unknown man over a webcam. She said the man then threatened to send the pictures to friends and family unless she "put on a show" for him.

Although police said Tuesday that the claims by Anonymous were false, the web handle cited in the hacker group's posting has a disturbing Internet history with links to the same kind of online exploitation to which Todd was a victim.

In 2010, the username had been nominated as "blackmailer of the year" in the online Capper Awards, which celebrate a perverted subculture in which people, called cappers, get young girls they call "cam whores" to expose themselves on webcams.

The username was nominated for allegedly blackmailing a different girl, identified as "Peyton." Other awards went to the "cam whore of the year" and "Capper of the year."

In the video on YouTube, a mechanized voice of the cartoon host of the 2010 Capper Awards nominations announces the "Blackmail" category. "This one is for the rapist of the Internet," it says.

"(The user), famous for his blackmail of Peyton, stream-



A screengrab of an online video of the Capper Awards. The man suspected of the blackmail that led to Amanda Todd's suicide was awarded "Blackmailer of the year" in 2010 after extorting a user identified as Peyton. YOUTUBE.COM

ing her videos on BlogTV and Tinychat and threatening her in public," says the host.

An earlier video called The Daily Capper shows a mock news account of the accused blackmailer streaming the explicit videos of Peyton in December 2010.

"The first part shows Peyton in bra and the second in panty-ies," says a cartoon reporter.

The details get more explicit.

"We return to a second room only to find a fuming Peyton demanding to know who had played videos, and threatening to call the police," the reporter says.

The fake news report says the girl told her mother and police, but it is unclear whether her alleged blackmailer was ever found.

The Capper Awards videos remained active on YouTube as of press time, except for one that was removed after a link to it was posted on an Amanda Todd memorial Facebook page.

Anonymous also published a link to a page on jailbaitgalery.com that shows pornographic photos of young girls with a title including the same online handle.

## Thrown off course

**False Internet tips impeding inquiry: Police**

B.C. RCMP officers investigating the exploitation and suicide of Amanda Todd say they are being thrown off course by false tips and rumours circulating on the Internet. Sgt. Peter Thiessen said the tip from hacker group Anonymous implicating a B.C. Internet user is unfounded.

The rumour that someone released Amanda Todd's autopsy photos online was debunked by the B.C. Coroner's Service, police said. In that case, Anonymous was also said to have found the perpetrator online.

Fraudulent websites that claim to be fundraising for the Todd family have also popped up, said Thiessen.

He said there is only one real account set up by the Todd family — the RBC Amanda Todd Trust Account.

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Debating the issues (and going for the knockout punch): Republican presidential contender Mitt Romney and U.S. President Barack Obama mix it up during their televised "town hall" debate Tuesday night.

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# He's awake! Obama goes on the attack in second debate

**Tense faceoffs.** White House contenders cross swords over jobs, domestic energy, women's rights — and that pipeline

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A sharper, energetic Barack Obama emerged Tuesday night in his second televised debate against Mitt Romney.

As millions of viewers watched, Obama energetically got down to the business at hand — putting the brakes on his Republican rival's sudden momentum in a tense, tight race to the White House.

An angry Obama showed himself at last — eyes flashing, teeth clenched, fitted with fact and fury — intent on stopping the bleeding that threatens to cost him his job.

But Romney was steered as well, determined to deepen the damage done two weeks ago, when Obama let the Republican challenger breezily

claim the mantle of middle-class moderate.

Among the tense faceoffs Tuesday night: Jobs, domestic energy — and TransCanada's Keystone XL pipeline.

At one point, Romney strode uncomfortably close to Obama as he chastised him for failing to greenlight the pipeline.

Romney also attempted to talk over moderator Candy Crowley, who was having none of it.

Obama and Romney both tried to appeal to female voters.

Obama noted that the first piece of legislation he signed made it easier for women to seek the same pay as men.

Romney said as governor of Massachusetts, his administration had a number of women in senior leadership positions.

He said many women have suffered job losses and moved into poverty during Obama's tenure and creating more jobs would help women.

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## A new approach

It was a debate with a difference — six, in fact.

- **One.** This was a "town-hall" debate where people representing a cross-section of America got to ask the questions.
- **Two.** The Gallup organization picked about 80 uncommitted voters.
- **Three.** All questioners were screened before.
- **Four.** The questioners couldn't simply raise their hands and be called at random.
- **Five.** Moderator Candy Crowley of CNN and helpers decided who asked the questions.
- **Six.** The debaters weren't moored to a lectern or table — and viewers could check out their body language.



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## Apple

## 'iPad mini' may debut next week

Apple Inc. is sending out invites to reporters for an event next Tuesday, where it's expected to announce the release of a smaller iPad. Observers have said for months that Apple has an "iPad mini" in the works. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Microsoft

## Surface tablet will match iPad price

Microsoft's Surface tablet computer, the company's answer to Apple Inc.'s iPad, will start at \$519 in Canada when it goes on sale Oct. 26.

The price matches that of the iPad, but the base model of the Surface has



Microsoft's new Surface tablet  
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twice as much storage memory: 32 gigabytes. The screen is also slightly larger. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# iPhone maker dismisses underage factory interns

**China.** Labour rights group says Foxconn and vocational schools are both to blame for use of students under 16

The company that manufactures Apple's iPhone said Tuesday it found underage interns as young as 14 working at one of its factories in China.

Foxconn Technology Group said the interns were found by a company investigation at its factory in the eastern city of Yantai and were sent back to their schools. China's min-

imum legal working age is 16.

Foxconn said it was investigating with schools how the interns were sent to its factory. It didn't say how many underage interns it found.

"We recognize that full responsibility for these violations rests with our company and we have apologized to each of the students for our role in this action," Foxconn said in a statement. "Any Foxconn employee found, through our investigation, to be responsible for these violations will have their employment immediately terminated."

A labour rights group, China Labor Watch, said in a state-

## Foxconn

- Foxconn produces iPhones and iPads for Apple Inc. and also assembles products for Microsoft Corp. and Hewlett-Packard Co. The company gave no indication what products were made in facilities where the interns worked.

ment that primary responsibility lay with schools involved but "Foxconn is also culpable for not confirming the ages of their workers."

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## Grocery giant shelves 700 head-office jobs

A Loblaws store employee brings in shopping carts in Toronto in this file photo. Loblaws Co. Ltd. is cutting about 700 jobs, mostly management and administrative positions at its Toronto-area head office, in a move the grocery retailer says will reduce costs and improve efficiency. **THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE**

## California. Court to hear suit over cleaner-fuel mandate

A federal appeals court will hear arguments in a case seeking to stop California's first-in-the-nation mandate requiring petroleum refiners and ethanol producers to make cleaner fuels for millions of cars and trucks in the state.

At issue before the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is the constitutionality of California's Low Carbon Fuel Standard, an important piece of the state's landmark global-warming law, AB 32. The mandate requires petroleum refiners, fuel distributors and others to make cleaner-burning fuels for the

## By the numbers

### 2020

The California Air Resources Board said the standard will cut California's dependence on petroleum by 20 per cent, and account for one-tenth of the state's goal to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 2020.

California market.

But out-of-state oil refiners and biofuels producers have sued over the law, saying it will give an unfair advantage to in-state fuels producers.

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## European officials express concern about Google's privacy policy

European regulators have asked Google to clarify its new privacy policy and make it easier for users to opt out of it because of concerns that the web giant may be collecting too much data and holding it for too long.

France's data-protection agency led a European investigation into Google's new unified privacy policy, which replaces individual policies for its search, email and other services, and regulates how it

uses the personal data it collects.

The policy allows Google to combine data collected from one person using its disparate services, from Gmail to YouTube. That gives Google a powerful tool for targeting the user with advertising.

The agency outlined three main concerns about the new policy: it's not clear enough in explaining to users what data is collected and how it will be used; it's too difficult for users

## By the numbers

### 90%

France's data protection agency said that of the top 500 most-visited sites in France, 90 per cent had a link with Google. The web giant can also collect information from anyone who visits a website that has a link to its services — for example, a Google map posting.

to opt out of data collection and combination; and Google doesn't always say how long it

will hold onto data.

The agency, called the French National Commission on Computing and Freedom, was careful to note that it wanted to work with Google to change the policy.

This is not the first time Google has run afoul of regulators. In August, the company agreed to pay a \$22.5-million US fine to settle a suit brought by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission.

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That's over. It's time to turn our gaze ... inward.

The feds are going to spend \$25 million to teach us Canadian history, no doubt because we weren't listening the first time in Grade 8.

Instead of that civilization malarkey, we'll gather all our national clichés in one convenient location: The Last Spike,

Maurice Richard's hockey sweater (le pew!), and the gag reel from This Hour Has 22 Minutes. OK, so I made that last one up. But talk about historical significance.

According to the usually informed but anonymous sources, the museum will focus on the Royal Family and the Canadian military.

Tell me this is not all part of the Harper government's ongoing effort to put the 21st century back in the bottle and rewrite Canadian history. We'll know what's really going on if Museum 2.0 has a Preston Manning wing.

## The power of pop culture

I agree with James Moore, minister in charge of Turning Back the Clock, that the world needs more Canada. But we already gave the world Jim Carrey and Neil Young. What more do they want? I know — Celine Dion! We'll give them Celine Dion!

The new museum will use the current Museum of Civilization building, a world-class architectural homage to human civilization. Well, it will have to do. It was either that or move it to Winnipeg, where it could take over the newly built Museum of Human Rights. After all, human rights aren't really our business, either. Let the EU or the UN or some other foreign outfit worry about that stuff.

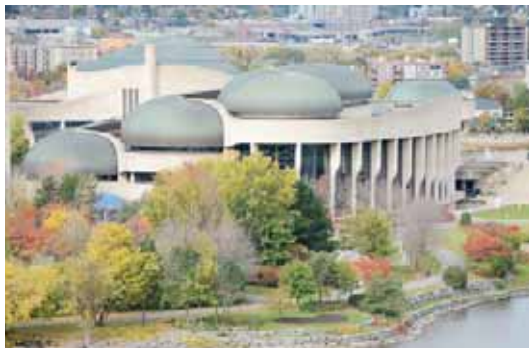
This here's Canada. The Canada of Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir Robert Borden, R.B. Bennett, John Diefenbaker, Brian Mulroney and, of course, Stephen Harper. Did I leave anyone out?

Don't get me wrong. I agree with James Moore, minister in charge of Turning Back the Clock, that the world needs more Canada. But we already gave the world Jim Carrey and Neil Young. What more do they want? I know — Celine Dion! We'll give them Celine Dion!

We'll be able to give all these great ideas to the museum, as staff is now travelling across the country, all expenses paid, to find out what we think.

Off the top of my head, I can think of a few more suggestions: the Charter of Rights (too civilized? Too Liberal); the Canadian flag (see previous item); the story of medicare; the National Wheat Board; the National Film Board; the CBC (hmm — there's a pattern emerging here).

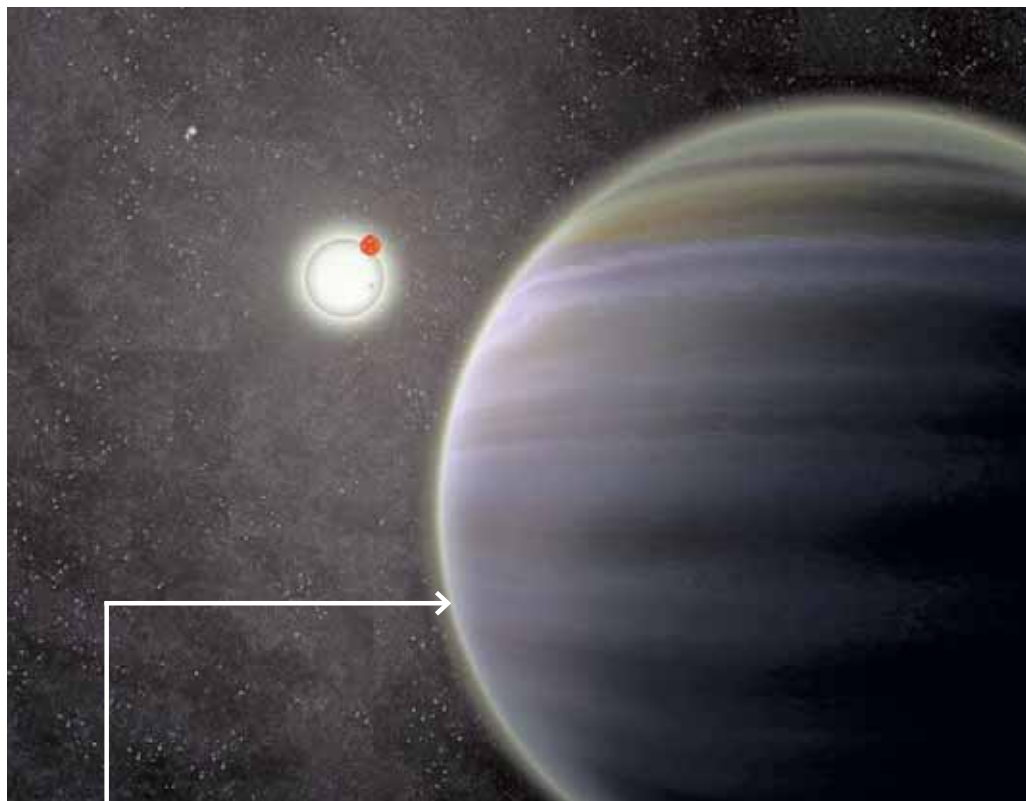
Gee, James, maybe this wasn't such a good idea after all.



The Canadian Museum of Civilization, pictured, will be rebranded as the Canadian Museum of History, the feds announced Tuesday.

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# New planet gets four stars!



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## Team's first find

### Planet with 4-sun system discovered

Astronomers have discovered a new planet with a four-sun system — the first case of its kind.

The planet, PH1, circles twin stars that are in turn orbited by a second distant pair of stars. The discovery was made by Planet Hunters, a Yale University-led project, in which amateur astronomers work with professional scientists to find new worlds. **METRO**

## Astronomer's viewpoint



"The discovery of these systems forces us to go back to the drawing board to find how such planets can assemble and evolve in these dynamically challenging environments."

Meg Schwamb, astronomer at Yale University, and lead author of the report behind the discovery.

## How they discovered it

### How two hobbyists found unique planet

Planet Hunters volunteers, Kian Jek of San Francisco and Robert Gagliano of Cottonwood, Ariz., spotted faint dips in light caused by the planet as it passed in front of its parent stars, a common method of finding extrasolar planets.

Their discovery was confirmed by observations from the Keck telescopes on Mauna Kea, Hawaii.

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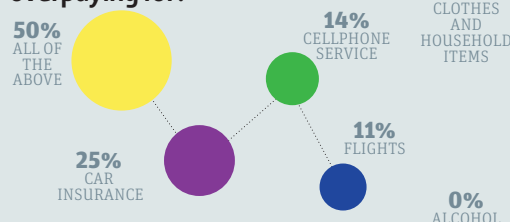
## 5,000 light years away

- **What's in a name?** Named PH1 in honour of the Planet Hunters website.
- **Neptune-sized planet.** More than six times the radius of Earth, making PH1 slightly bigger than Neptune.
- **Not habitable.** PH1's temperature ranges from a minimum of about 251 C to a maximum of about 340 C.



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Tyler Perry stars in Alex Cross. HANDOUT

## Meet the newest Alex Cross

**Adaptation.** Tyler Perry plays the lead in the latest movie based on James Patterson's novels



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If the name Alex Cross sounds familiar you're either an avid reader of crime novels or a Morgan Freeman fan.

The character is the star

of 20 books by author James Patterson, two films starring Freeman and now a third, the simply titled Alex Cross, with Tyler Perry in the lead role.

In the books and films Cross is a Washington D.C. cop with a Ph.D. in psychology. In other words, as he says in Kiss the Girls, "I'm a forensic psychologist. It's a fancy way of saying I'm a guy who walks into a room like that and determines the hows and whys."

In the new film, Perry, best known as the director and star of the Madea comedies, squares off against a serial killer (Matthew Fox)

who claims to have murdered one of the detective's relatives.

The first Cross novel to make the leap to the big screen was Kiss the Girls, the second book in the series. Denzel Washington was originally set to star, but dropped out due to scheduling conflicts. Morgan Freeman stepped in, starring opposite Ashley Judd.

In the film Cross's niece disappears, the likely victim of Casanova, a kidnapper and killer of young women. Aiding Cross is Dr. Kate McTiernan (Judd), a surgeon, who narrowly escaped the sadomasochist killer's grasp.

The movie was a hit with audiences, but not the critics, although Roger Ebert wrote that Freeman and Judd, "are so good, you almost wish they'd decided not to make a thriller at all... and had simply found a way to construct a drama exploring their personalities."

The movie was withheld from release in central Virginia out of respect for the families of three girls who had been murdered in the area.

Four years later, despite some reservations, Freeman reprised the role. "I didn't want to do the same thing

twice," he said, adding that he changed his mind because he realized he "liked Alex Cross. And the fact that he's black is totally incidental. That's a rare thing for a black actor to find."

Along Came a Spider sees Cross solve the case of a kidnapped congressman's daughter. Once again critics hated the film — which currently sits at 32 per cent on Rotten Tomatoes — but praised Freeman's performance. New York Times scribe Elvis Mitchell called it "a classless, underdeveloped thriller," but wrote that it "couldn't be better served than it is by Mr. Freeman."



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# Heroism comes at a price for Scott Speedman in Last Resort

**Interview.** Actor discusses his role, the dynamics between characters and the heroism in disobedience

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We're pretty sure actor Scott Speedman has the power to broker peace negotiations with a simple glance. Of course, in the role of XO Sam Kendal on *Last Resort*, it will take more than the 37-year-old's mesmerizing blue eyes to get his submarine crew out of trouble, considering war was triggered when he refused strange orders to bomb Pakistan. The morality and heart Speedman brings to the role will help as he goes toe-to-toe with

the commanding Andre Braugher, who plays the captain of the sub. Their relationship is central to the series — just as important as the mystery surrounding the United States' decision to turn on its own. Speedman explains.

**What is the dynamic between Sam and Captain Marcus Chaplin (Andre Braugher)?**

That's where a lot of the dramatic tension on the show comes from. (The characters) are very close. You find out that Andre's character has really nothing to lose; he really has no family to fall back on, so he's making all these gambles. Meanwhile, I'm relatively young and have a wife waiting for me at home. It's been really fun to play with that and to deal with that male bonding relationship and tearing that up.



Scott Speedman stars in *Last Resort*, which airs on Global. HANDOUT

**We've already seen the U.S. attacking the submarine, the crew turning on**

**each other, and a militia on the island prepared to fight the sailors seeking**

**safety there. Who is the biggest enemy?**

For Sam specifically, ultimately, the most interesting enemy I can have is the captain. The more generic choices are there but the more interesting rival will be Marcus Chaplin, the father figure, the mentor. But you have the Navy SEALs (who boarded the submarine and seem to have their own agenda); you have Robert Patrick's character (the sub's uncooperative Master Chief Joseph Prosser), which is an interesting character to play off of. I much prefer when (the crew is working) as a unit as opposed to using some of the (supporting characters) as enemies.

**What is Sam's biggest motivation right now?**

A big thrust of the show is my character trying to get home. But really, Sam wants to stay alive long

enough to clear his name. He's spent all this time getting to where he is in his life and it's all being ripped away from him. He wants to get home to be with his wife but he's also really intent on clearing his name.

**Is there heroism in disobedience?**

Of course, I love that aspect of the show. That's really what drew me to the character.

He's not just this hero-type guy; even when facing a tough decision, no matter what the consequences, he's still going to try to do the right thing.

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They're preparing for this moment — that's what they do in the nuclear submarine — then the order comes and they don't do it. It was an interesting moment to play, for sure."



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## Johansson calls it splits with BF after being spotted with ex Leto

Scarlett Johansson has split up with boyfriend Nate Naylor just weeks after she was spotted looking cosy with ex Jared Leto at a political event, according to Daily Mail. How official is the split? Naylor was even spotted clearing his belongings out of Johansson's New York home. "They never officially lived together, but Nate has moved all of his stuff out

### Quoted

**"The relationship is over. It has not been amicable."**

Anonymous source, on the Johansson/Naylor split.

and back into his apartment," a source says. "The relationship is over. It has not been amicable."



Amanda Bynes is facing charges because of her driving record.

## Jennie Garth's efforts to reach out to Bynes all in vain

It seems everyone is worried about troubled starlet Amanda Bynes these days, including former What I Like About You co-star Jennie Garth. "I tried reaching out to her and I haven't been able to reach her," Garth tells Us Weekly. "My heart feels for whatever she is

going through and I love her dearly."

Garth isn't alone in feeling disconnected, as Bynes' parents have reportedly been getting the cold shoulder from the actress, who is facing multiple charges stemming from her dangerous driving record.



Barack Obama gives his take on the American Idol judges' cat fight.

## Obama offers his two cents in Carey/Minaj feud

As he continues his campaign for re-election, U.S. President Barack Obama is addressing all of the top pressing issues — including the feud between American Idol judges Mariah Carey and Nicki Minaj. "I think that they are going to be able to sort it out, I am con-

fidant," Obama said during an interview with Miami's Y100 radio station. "I'm all about bringing people together, working for the same cause. I think both outstanding artists are going to be able to make sure that they're moving forward and not going backwards."

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## Depp to launch eccentric yet dashing book imprint



THE WORD

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Celebrities are constantly launching perfumes and clothing lines. But Johnny Depp is not just any old actor. He's Johnny Depp! He's gotta do things differently! So what is the famed actor's new vanity project? Why, he's going to publish books!

According to a statement by Harper Collins, Depp is launching an imprint with the book publisher called Infinitum Nihil (translation:

"nothing lasts forever"). Per the statement, Depp says, "I pledge, on behalf of Infinitum Nihil, that we will do our best to deliver publications worthy of peoples' time, of peoples' concern, publications that might ordinarily never have breached the parapet."

The imprint has already announced one book: The Untravelled Tales of Bob Dylan by the historian Douglas Brinkley, which is set for publication in 2015.

Interesting way to inject some glamour into the rather staid world of book publishing. And, hey, unlike the rest of us involved in the media world, it's not like he has to worry about the scant paycheck.

But does anyone else get the mental image of Depp editing books while dressed like a pirate and using a quill pen?

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# There is always time for tapas in Spain's capital city

**Madrid.** This destination offers everything from traditional fare in centuries-old buildings to the latest in innovative cuisine

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Madrid has a tempo; it's a city that lives by and for art. It's also a city where food has been elevated to an art form. Take your pick of gastronomic delights at one of the city's centuries-old restaurants, traditional tapas bars, trendy gastobars or gourmet markets.

## Markets

**Mercado de San Miguel:** Built in 1916, this market has become a meeting place for foodies. You'll find everything from salted fish at Casa del Bacalao to European meats at La Bouche-rie. At sundown, the market turns into a hotspot for tapas, which can be washed down with a glass of Spanish red at one of its wine houses.

**Mercado de San Anton and La Cocina:** This new gourmet market was designed for foodies — with 14 food stalls on the first floor, and show-cooking stations and a bar for casual meals on the second floor. Head to the third floor's terrace restaurant, La Cocina, where you'll find dishes inspired by traditional Spanish cuisine. Here, sample some of the best bellota ham, aged for five years — from pigs fed a diet of acorns and aromatic herbs.

## Tapas

While in Madrid, do like the

locals and tapear (go for tapas) — order calamari, cod and tripe. This time-honoured tradition still stands, whether in a traditional tavern or trendy bar, where small plates of food are served with a glass of beer or wine. Some of the best traditional taverns can be found in the oldest parts of the capital, including La Latina, Cava Baja, Cava Alta and Cava de San Miguel.

## Gastobars

Head to Estado Puro, one of the city's trendiest gastobars, where the bar is covered with transparent panels encasing flamenco dolls. The food is a contemporary twist on traditional Spanish fare — try a deconstructed tortilla in a shot glass, or foie gras served like an ice cream sandwich.

## Traditional with a twist

La Capilla de la Bolsa in Madrid's Literary Quarter was once, in the Middle Ages, the Chapel of Santa Cruz, and later became home to the Madrid Stock Exchange. The restaurant has maintained the building's Baroque vault and original columns, allowing you to soak up hundreds of years of art history as you eat Mediterranean haute cuisine.

## Where to stay

The boutique Hotel de las Letras combines tradition with modern flair. Built in 1917, this newly renovated, modern space has retained its mosaics, marquises, staircases and original sculptures, and each room features high ceilings, oak flooring and natural light. It's located in the Gran Via shopping district, at the heart of the city's Art Walk.

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The San Miguel Market is a meeting place for foodies. PHOTOS: COURTESY ESCARABAJA AMARILLO



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# Treme celebrates 200 years

**Neighbourhood revival.** Vibrant pocket of New Orleans is enjoying a surge in interest with HBO series of the same name

The colourful and musical New Orleans neighbourhood called Treme is marking the 200th anniversary of its origins as an early melting pot for the city and the U.S.

Treme is considered one of America's most unusual neighbourhoods and holds significant place in the history of jazz. It is also getting some new energy thanks in part to the spotlight provided by the HBO series Treme.

"All the things sacred to New Orleans bubbled up from that neighbourhood, because Treme had such a mixture of people and cultures," said Toni Rice, a spokeswoman for one of the neighbourhood groups organizing its bicentennial celebration. "It wasn't just slaves. It wasn't all white or all black. It was German, Spanish, Haitian, Italian."

Born from the immigration that followed the Haitian revolution of the early 1800s and named for French milliner and property owner Claude Treme, the neighbourhood became an entertainment centre where white and black Creoles gathered. The wave of Haitian refugees added to a New Orleans that was already a mix of French, Spanish and African-American culture, with American influence filtering in after the 1803 purchase of the territory from France. New Orleans was still largely confined to the French Quarter — the original city founded in 1718. Treme and other outlying neighbourhoods were farms or swamps until efforts to drain the land took hold as the population grew.

It's the site of St. Augustine, one of the oldest African-American Catholic church parishes in the nation, where Homer Plessy was a parishioner. In 1892, Plessy triggered the infamous U.S. Supreme Court case, Plessy v. Ferguson, which upheld the constitutionality of state laws requiring racial segregation in public facilities under the doctrine of "separate but equal."



It was roughly 200 years ago that cottages were built and a community established just beyond the French Quarter. PHOTOS: GERALD HERBERT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's also the site of Congo Square, where during the 18th and 19th centuries slaves were permitted to dance, trade goods and play music that would evolve into jazz. Generations of musicians hail from Treme, among them Troy "Trombone

Shorty" Andrews and his grandfather, the late Ooh Poo Pah Doo singer Jesse Hill.

It was also home to the recently deceased Lionel Batiste — the vocalist, drummer and assistant leader of the Treme Brass Band who was known



A boy participates in a concert at Armstrong Park in Treme.

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simply as "Uncle Lionel." And it was the birthplace of jazz singer and trumpeter Lionel Ferbos, who at 101 is believed to be the oldest working musician in the city. He performs regularly at the Palm Court Jazz Cafe in the French Quarter.

Percussionist Shannon Powell, 50, has lived in Treme his entire life. It's where at age 11 he performed Bourbon Street Parade at a now-closed jazz club near his house and where as a teenager he was discovered by singing banjo and guitar player Danny Barker, who helped launch Powell's career.

"I caught the tail end of a lot of good things, of old ways of doing things," Powell said. "Jazz funerals meant a lot more than they do now. They were so respectful and dignified. The procession dressed in suits, wore black and white, and they played a slow dirge until the body was put in the ground. It's not

like that anymore. Now you have kids out there in jeans playing all kinds of stuff."

Still, after years of blight and crime problems, a slow revival is taking shape. Treme is now part of a multimillion dollar Department of Housing and Urban Development revitalization plan, which could include the removal of the interstate highway. Work is under way to turn an unused rail corridor into a miles-long walking and bike path.

"This neighbourhood is an example of survival," said Wayne Baquet, who operates Lil Dizzy's restaurant. "The city lost a big part of the middle class due to white flight and then black flight to newer neighbourhoods like New Orleans east and Gentilly."

"After Katrina, which practically destroyed those two areas, Treme is coming back," he said.

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# New Orleans, for the ladies

Good times. Women, are you ready to live The Hangover?

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New Orleans has been a staple of bachelor parties for decades, but these days the ladies are taking over the city. An annual conference, Festigals, drew 400 people this summer for a women-only celebration. One of the premier hotels, the Windsor Court Hotel,

boasts a female chef and female sommelier, together crafting elegant-tasting menus. And a walking tour of the French Quarter — led by a feisty 79-year-old female — drops in tales of women influencing the city. So what better place for a girls' getaway?

## Stay out all night

Make sure to walk along Bourbon Street — even without Mardi Gras, it's a circus all its own. But locals will tip you toward Frenchmen Street, a chance to dart in and out of

bars where local bands play all night long. This weekend, you could catch the Crescent City Blues and BBQ Festival. Top off any night with a visit to Cafe du Monde, open 24 hours a day, for the city's famous beignets and rich chicory coffee.

## Eat your way through the city

Leave the diet books at home. The waiters at legendary Arnaud's Restaurant on Bourbon Street may tell you the meals are zero calories, but that's not true — and you'll be robbing yourself of the city's best pleasures if you don't eat your way through New Orleans. The city's cuisine is incomparable — succulent shrimp often delivered straight from the Gulf, the spices are thrown together in a way New England just can't muster,

and, well, what other place constantly lights its desserts on fire? The Court of Two Sisters in the French Quarter has a daily jazz brunch, with a live band in the courtyard and a shrimp-and-grits filled buffet.



## Grab your shopping shoes

Explore the unique boutiques of Magazine Street, a lengthy but doable walk or a quick cab ride from the French Quarter. Places like Buffalo Exchange offer consignment-store finds, like party dresses or a floral TopShop blouse or a boom box. If your shopping can escalate to extravagant — or for a peek — stop in at M.S. Rau Antiques, where pieces range from a Russian fossilized cave bear to Monets and a vampire killing kit.



## Where to stay

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# Maple syrup and cinnamon bring out the sweet side of root vegetables

## Baked Root Vegetables with Maple Syrup and Cinnamon



This recipe serves six. RYAN SZULC, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S FAMILY FAVORITES (WHITECAP BOOKS)



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Baked root vegetables are a real comfort side dish during the colder months. Use other varieties of your favourite vegetables such as turnips or rutabagas. You may need to add a little more maple syrup since these vegetables tend to be less sweet.

1. Preheat the oven to 425 F. Line 2 baking sheets with foil and lightly coat with cooking spray.

2. Arrange the sweet potatoes, potatoes, squash, onion, parsnips and beets in a single layer on the lined baking sheets. Lightly coat with cooking spray. Bake in the centre of the oven for about 25 to 30 minutes, turning after 20 minutes or just until browned and tender. If the trays are on separate racks, switch their positions halfway through the cooking time. Bake the beets an extra 10 minutes, or until fork

tender. Place the vegetables on a large serving platter.

3. To make the dressing, whisk together the olive oil, vinegar, maple syrup and cinnamon in a small bowl. Pour the dressing over the roasted vegetables. Garnish with parsley and serve.

ROSE REISMAN'S FAMILY FAVORITES  
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### Ingredients

- 1 lb sweet potatoes, unpeeled and cut into wedges
- 1 lb Yukon Gold potatoes, unpeeled and cut into wedges
- 1 lb butternut squash, peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1 large sweet yellow onion, cut into 8 wedges
- 2 large peeled parsnips, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 2 peeled beets, cut into 1-inch pieces
- Dressing**
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 2 tbsp maple syrup
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley

### Drink of the Week

#### Orange Haze for those fall nights

This not-so-kid-friendly murky and thick "orange haze" blends orange liqueur, chocolate liqueur and honey. It's perfect for the fall.

This recipe serves one.

- 3/4 oz orange liqueur
- 3/4 oz milk chocolate cream liqueur
- 1/2 tsp honey
- Orange zest, to garnish

Pour the orange liqueur into a shot glass. Very slowly pour the chocolate liqueur down the side of the glass, then drizzle the honey over the top. Garnish with orange zest.

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# New approach to getting them to eat veggies

Recently, for two weeks, I made it my mission to improve my 8-year-old son's tolerance of vegetables. I called it "veggie boot camp." He called it torture.

My approach was simple. Every lunch and dinner I prepared at least three vegetables. Of those, he made to select and consume two of them.

Early in the process, I found that roasting just about any vegetable dramatically improved my son's response to it.

This makes sense. Roasting concentrates flavours and caramelizes the natural sugars in

produce. So to help other parents with veg-averse children, here is one of my son's favourite (by which, of course, I mean most likely to be gagged down) roasted vegetables.

## Roasted Balsamic Cherry Tomatoes

Don't be put off by the amount of salt in this recipe; much of it drains off before the tomatoes are roasted. Salting the tomatoes helps draw out excess water, producing a better roasted tomato. These tomatoes can be served on their own as a side

dish, or over pasta for a sauce.

1. Slice tomatoes in half, then set in strainer. Sprinkle salt over tomatoes, gently mix. Place strainer in sink or over a bowl and let sit for 15 minutes.

2. Heat broiler. Line rimmed baking sheet with foil.

3. Give tomatoes a shake to discard liquid that has accumulated in strainer. Transfer tomatoes to bowl. Add remaining ingredients and toss well. Transfer tomatoes to prepared

### Ingredients

- 2 pints cherry or grape tomatoes
- 2 tsp kosher salt
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper

baking sheet, in an even layer.

4. Broil on centre rack for 4, or until the tomatoes begin to brown and soften. Serve immediately. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Master of the midterm

## Study these secrets.

Translating, talking and tracking down a nest all part of the perfect test strategy

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Studying can be tough — especially if you have multiple tests, exams or midterms to study for at once.

It's easy to fall asleep with your textbook on your face, or focus more on perfecting that homemade apple crisp than perfecting your math formulas.

Everyone has their own best practices when it comes to studying, so we asked around to find some common strategies for success when it comes to burying yourself in your books.

### Find your study spot

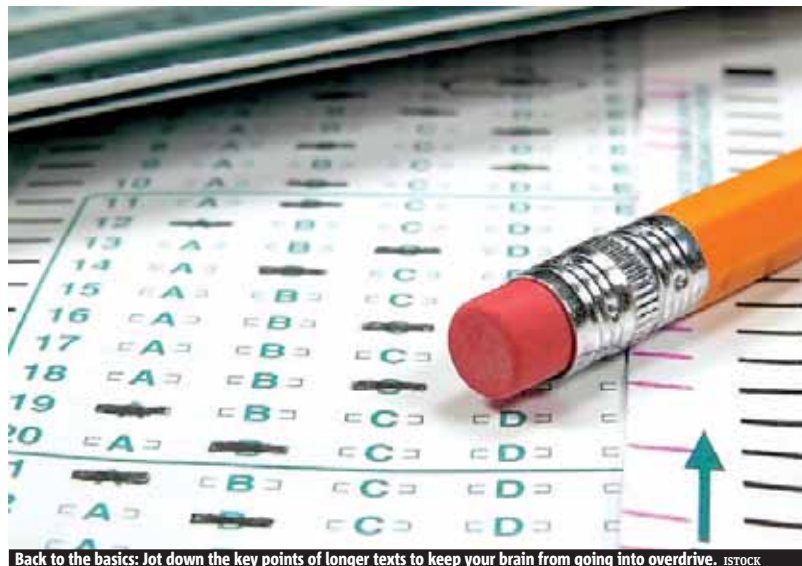
The first step to successful studying is finding a spot that is study-specific and has limited distractions. You might even want to disconnect your WiFi and put your phone on airplane mode for an hour or two. Crazy, I know, but it will help you stay focused.

### Review the main concepts

Reading through your notes and refreshing your memory on major concepts will make filling in the details later on that much easier. There's no sense in memorizing the dates of John Cabot's discoveries if you can't even recall what he did.

### Change up the lingo

Reviewing concepts by using everyday language ensures you understand it. Furthermore, doing this helps you



Back to the basics: Jot down the key points of longer texts to keep your brain from going into overdrive. ISTOCK

remember things more easily.

For example, if your philosophy textbook reads, "Relativism is the concept that points of view have no absolute truth or validity, having only relative, subjective value according to differences in perception and consideration," an easier way of saying this might be "Relativism means that your point of view is only your personal perception, and has no absolute truth or validity."

### Speak out loud

Calling Helgason, a second-year Biology student at Trent University, says when she doesn't understand a concept she reads it out loud. "Talking through my notes breaks down the concepts and makes it easier to understand," she says.

This was a personal strategy of mine as well.

I would pretend I was explaining something to someone else and, in turn, ended up learning it myself — a tad embarrassing when the roommates walked in, but the good grades made up for my rosy cheeks.

### Take breaks

#### Relax to retain

- You can't run on the treadmill for hours on end and your brain can't work out for that long either. It needs a break (Tetris, anyone?) as well as hydration (water, coffee and perhaps even an ice cream cone?).
- Allow your brain time to refresh and when you come back to the books, quickly recap what you learned before your break. This will make it stick even more.

That being said, be aware of your surroundings. This might not fly too well in the quiet section of the library, but on your porch it's A-OK.

Rewrite your notes  
S a n d y

Silveira, a student in the early childhood education program at Ryerson University, says when she studies she likes to write things out as well as saying them because it helps her remember them better.

Julie Dang, a Mathematical Science student at Western University, echoes this idea by stating that her strategy is to flip back through her textbooks and focus on everything that she highlighted when she initially did her readings. Then she writes out all the terminology and various formulas. "I do study questions over and over and over again," Julie says.

"I review my notes, and then I do more questions. Constantly practicing the formulas is the best way to remember them."

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# Quit coasting: Make a mark on your future

Keep up the good work. Collecting As and Bs can result in rewards from unexpected places

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After high school, most people are told it doesn't matter whether you get Cs or As in college or university, as long as you get that diploma or degree. However, while you're striving for that qualification, keeping your marks up can open more doors than you think.

During most of high school, I balanced work, a band and good grades, so I learned good study habits, which I brought with me to university.

Instead of partying, I would study. This might sound boring and not like the university life many people imagine, but I still had time for a social life as well. Every weekend I would go home from residence to play shows and chill with my band mates and boyfriend while at concerts. During the week, I saw my boyfriend usually for two days in a row. I just made sure I had time to do the work required to maintain my good grades.

During my second year of university, it was even more important for me to get good grades. I had my eye on the creative writing program at York, which required — along with an impressive portfolio of work — at least a B+

average, but mostly As if you wanted to ensure you were accepted. I was also striving to get scholarships.

I thought scholarships and getting into that program was all high marks were good for, but since then a couple of things have changed.

First, I decided I want to go to grad school after completing my undergrad. An MA or a PhD opens some doors in the job market, but even having an Honours BA, which requires a level of achievement in grades, may set me apart.

Then the emails started coming. Like most students, I thought the university didn't recognize me and the hard work I do, but I was wrong!

During the end of my second year, I was told about a special scholarship I could apply for, and more recently, I have been getting volunteer job offers from the university for mentoring new and returning students and leading orientations. These positions take very little time and look great on your resumé whether your goal is grad school or an entry-level job.

To receive these offers I didn't need straight As, just a B+ average. I think this is obtainable for most students with good study habits.

So keep those marks up! You never know what opportunities they will give you.

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# Super Series selection surprises Herd's Andrews

## Junior hockey.

Four players from Mooseheads will play for Team QMJHL



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Brent Andrews didn't see it coming.

The 19-year-old centre from Hunter River, P.E.I., was one of four Halifax Mooseheads named Tuesday to the QMJHL roster for next month's Canadian Hockey League Subway Super Series.

Forwards Nathan MacKinnon and Jonathan Drouin and goaltender Zach Fucale, stars for Canada's under-18 team in August, were the other three to get the nod.

"I didn't have a clue," Andrews said after Mooseheads practice on Tuesday afternoon.

"Nate and Jo (and Zach) were kind of locks for the team but when Nate texted me and said, 'Congrats,' I was pretty taken aback, for sure."

There was little buzz around Andrews in the lead-up to the roster announcement. He's the lowest-scoring forward on the Super Series roster with three goals and three assists in 10 games and he just squeaks into the QMJHL's top 100 scorers, tied for 90th with 22 others.

But he has long impressed scouts with his strong defensive game. Andrews is perhaps Halifax's best penalty-killing forward, one of the league's best faceoff men and an emerging force at six-foot-two and 205 pounds.

"From the start of training camp, he's been one of the most consistent players on our team," Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell said. "His play hasn't gone unnoticed. He brings a lot. He creates offence, his defensive game is great and he's playing a good physical game."

Andrews and the rest of Team QMJHL will face off against a squad of Russian all-stars in the Super Series on Nov. 5 in Boisbriand, Que., and Nov. 7 in Val-d'Or, Que.

The under-20 series is designed to help Hockey Canada evaluate players for the IIHF world junior championship.

Andrews, a seventh-round selection of the Nashville Predators, has worn the Canadian colours before, representing the country at the IIHF world under-18 championship in 2011.

"I don't want to get too far ahead of myself right now," Andrews said of being on the world junior radar.

"I just want to go give my best effort and enjoy the experience."

### Quoted

**"It's a credit to the hard work all the boys have been putting in. Hopefully we make the most of it."**

Brent Andrews, on four Mooseheads making the QMJHL Subway Super Series roster, tied for most from any team in the league



Centre Brent Andrews is one of four Halifax Mooseheads to make the QMJHL's Subway Super Series roster. METRO FILE

## QMJHL. Upper-body injury keeping Drouin out of Mooseheads lineup

Halifax Mooseheads left-winger Jonathan Drouin is practising in a non-contact jersey and is still being described as "day-to-day."

The 17-year-old has missed the past three games with an upper-body injury after taking a hit in the Mooseheads' Oct. 6 game against the Saint John Sea Dogs.

"He's day-to-day, still," said Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell.

Chances are the Mooseheads want Drouin to get in a contact practice before he plays, so that makes Wednesday's road game against the P.E.I. Rocket unlikely. They may be targeting Friday's home game against the Sher-



Jonathan Drouin JEFF HARPER/METRO

brooke Phoenix for his return. Drouin was leading the Mooseheads in scoring before

the injury with five goals and 10 assists in seven games.

MATTHEW WUEST/METRO

### He's No. 1

## MacKinnon emerges as top prospect in ISS list

Nathan MacKinnon is ranked No. 1 for the 2013 NHL draft on another scouting list.

The Halifax Mooseheads centre, already No. 1 on TSN.ca's top 10 pre-season ranking, grabbed top spot on the first International Scouting Service list of the season, released this week.

MacKinnon, who has a team-leading 11 goals and six assists in 10 games this season, edged out Portland Winterhawks defenceman Seth Jones.

Forwards Sasha Barkov, Sean Monahan and Curtis Lazar round out the top five. Mooseheads left-winger



**Nathan MacKinnon**  
HALIFAX MOOSEHEADS

Jonathan Drouin, an honourable mention on the TSN.ca list, checks in at No. 10.

Reports have indicated Red Line Report dropped MacKinnon to No. 2 in its most recent ranking behind Jones, although chief scout Kyle Woodlief was unwilling to confirm when contacted by Metro. METRO

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# NHL budes on revenue sharing

**Lockout.** League's latest proposal would see 50-50 split; full 82-game season starting in November possible

Let the serious negotiations begin.

After more than a month with no new offers being tabled in collective-bargaining talks, the NHL breathed new life into the process on Tuesday with a proposal that could kick-start some significant discussions.

It calls for a 50-50 split of revenues between owners and players and includes a deferred salary plan designed to ensure that players would receive all the money they've been promised in existing contracts. On top of that, the deal was drawn up with an eye to starting a full 82-game regular season Nov. 2.

"We have about nine or 10 days to get this all ... signed, sealed and delivered," said commissioner Gary Bettman, who called the proposed deal "long-term."

A lot will need to be accomplished over that period. However, the unexpected pro-

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"I would like to believe that it will be an excellent starting point and we can go forward and see if there is a deal to be made."

Donald Fehr, the NHLPA's executive director, on the league's new proposal

posal offered fans the first real hint of hope since the lockout began Sept. 15.

Donald Fehr, the NHLPA's executive director, spent Tuesday afternoon reviewing the lengthy document and held an evening conference call with about 60 players. His initial reaction to the offer was that it could provide something to work with.

It wasn't immediately clear how willing the league is to negotiate off its latest offer. The NHL's previous proposal called for the players' revenue share to fall to 47 per cent and tabled a number of restrictive rules governing contracts.

According to a source, the only one that remains in Tuesday's proposal is a maximum contract length of five years.

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**World Cup qualifying**

## Canada humbled before halftime

Canada's World Cup dreams were snuffed out in brutal fashion Tuesday as Honduras put them to the sword 8-1 in a do-or-die qualifying match.

Canada entered the hostile confines of a soldout Estadio Olimpico Metropolitano in San Pedro Sula knowing that a tie or win would be enough to move on to the final round of qualifying in the CONCACAF region, which covers North

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"We pretty much embarrassed ourselves."

Canadian midfielder Julian de Guzman

and Central America and the Caribbean. The Hondurans, looking to please their fans on an extended national holiday, needed a win.

Asked if the moment had gotten to his team, Canadian

coach Stephen Hart offered a one-word answer — "Yes."

"You're supposed to go down, all guns blazing, you're supposed to fight," he added. "You're supposed to die out there."

Honduras' speed and clinical finishing — combined with Canada's clown-like defending — ended the suspense early, racking up a 4-0 lead after just 32 minutes. It looked easy against a Canadian side that wasn't up to the challenge.

It was Canada's worst loss since an 8-0 drubbing in Mexico in 1993. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Canada's Tosaint Ricketts reacts after a Honduras goal on Tuesday in San Pedro Sula. THE CANADIAN PRESS



## Brooms bristling in Detroit

New York Yankees centre-fielder Curtis Granderson reacts after striking out in the third inning in Detroit on Tuesday night. Tigers ace Justin Verlander took a shutout into the ninth as Detroit held on to beat the Yankees 2-1 for a 3-0 lead in the AL championship series.

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## 2013 Hyundai Elantra GT

- **Type.** Four door, front wheel drive, compact hatchback.
- **Engine (hp).** 1.8-litre DOHC I4 (148).
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed manual, six-speed automatic (optional).
- **Base Price (incl. destination).** \$20,650



The standard - and only - engine is a 148-horsepower 1.8-litre four-cylinder.

## Transmission

The GT as well as the rest of the Elantra trio, operates with a 1.8-litre four-cylinder engine that produces 148 horsepower and 131 pound-feet of torque. The peppy mill is rated at 7.2 l/100 km in the city and 4.9 highway when connected to a six-speed manual transmission, and 7.3/5.0 with optional six-speed automatic.

## Styling

An added bonus is the GT's slippery-shaped design that rivals the Coupe's, although all three Elantras are handsome rigs in their own way. The GT's Hyundai Veloster-style open-mouth grille/air intake resembles the Coupe's, with both body styles eschewing the sedan's more conservative schnoz.

## Fuel economy

Hyundai claims the GT possesses about a 720-kilometre maximum range, which is as much a function of gas-tank size as it is fuel economy. It also doesn't hurt that, at a relatively light 1,265 kilograms, the GT is 70-90 kilograms lighter than its primary rivals.

**Review.** New GT isn't as big as the Touring but it speaks our kind of language: design language

MALCOLM GUNN

Wheelbase Media

If a hatchback is on your radar, the Hyundai Elantra GT with its "Fluidic Sculpture" design language might prove to be the right thirst-quencher.

In a world gone mad for small, fuel-efficient cars – not surprising given today's pump prices – Hyundai's compact line-up attempts to cover the bases. If your search involves acquiring a vehicle with purposeful practicality, the new Elantra GT might fill the bill just as easily as you can fill its flexible-stowage area.

The GT fills the void left by the departing Elantra Touring model, but not in the most direct way. Although neatly styled, the Touring was first and foremost a wagon, while the more

rounded GT is definitely hatchback-oriented. Yes, the lines between hatch and wagon tend to get a bit fuzzy, but with about an 18-centimetre deficit in overall length and 20 per cent less total cargo space the GT qualifies as a hatchback.

In back, a 60:40 split rear bench folds relatively flat. By Hyundai's slide rule, the GT has more cargo and passenger room than several of its peers, including the Golf, Ford Focus and Mazda3 hatches.

For serious drivers, the GT's firm suspension with stiffer springs, shocks and stabilizer bars is definitely appreciated.

Then there's the accessory packages if your pockets are deeper that bundle a panoramic sunroof, rear-view camera leather seats and other trinkets. Selecting a hatchback and sprinkling it with some performance-like attitude seems like a tempting way to go about your business and that applies to the Elantra GT, which also thumbs its nose at gas pumps while toting life's treasures, human and otherwise.



Hyundai has become as proficient at tidy interior design as it has at the outside details.



It's shorter than the Elantra Touring it replaces, but with this kind of high style it's unlikely that anyone will miss the space.

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# Blistering Bloodhound could eclipse famous free faller Felix in 2014

**Land speed record.** British team will try to beat Baumgartner's gravity-pulled speed with blue torpedo-like vehicle in the desert



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Like millions, I was awestruck by the images of Felix Baumgartner on the steps of his capsule, 39 kilometres above the Earth — a height that reveals the curvature of our planet and the blackness of space. Then he jumped. Wow.

His moment of release had to be one of the wildest and conflicted sensations ever experienced by a human.

But it was only the prelude. Then he accelerated to 1,342 km/h (834 mph)! That's a crazy number for a thing not at-



Want to go faster on Earth than skydiver Felix Baumgartner did returning to Earth? Then you'll have to get something like the Bloodhound rocket car. CONTRIBUTED

tached to jet power.

It's also quite faster than the existing land speed record. A British team and its Thrust SSC rocket-car, hold the record, at 763 mph. That was over 15 years ago and speaks to how difficult it is to get a human going that fast down here on earth.

The same British team is planning another "go" in 2014, with its new rocket car, the Bloodhound. Last time they

went after the sound barrier. This time they're shooting for 1,000 mph. To make that happen Bloodhound's rocket is designed to generate 27,500 pounds of thrust, the equivalent of 80,000 horsepower.

Felix Baumgartner had zero horsepower, zero thrust. His speed was simply another reminder of gravity's immense power, and another opportunity to ponder about harnessing

it for our energy needs.

A gravity-engine under the hood of your Ford? Don't hold your breath. For starters, gravity engines are so far only theoretical. Apparently there are a couple of laws of physics spoiling the reality party. Secondly, these theoretical engines are taller than they are wide, for obvious reasons, and not at all cool looking. I wouldn't sign up for one on

aesthetic reasons alone.

And thirdly, gravity is actually a weak force. It worked on Felix because he was so small, and the big old Earth was so big. So if we ever do use it for transportation, it would be on the mass transit side. The most bizarre concept utilizing gravity has to be the Gravity Train proposed by British scientist, Robert Hooke, sometime in the 17th

century. He proposed a series of tunnels drilled through the Earth. One could connect Spain with New Zealand for example. A train entering the tunnel at either end would accelerate toward the centre of the earth, and then gradually decelerate after the halfway mark. According to Hooke's calculations, if the train operated in a frictionless environment it would reach the surface at the opposite end of the tunnel at the exact moment its speed reached zero.

Even less ambitious proposals for harnessing gravity power seem far-fetched. Most people believe that if we haven't figured it out yet, it's not going to happen. This is essentially the same argument about time travel — we never solve time travel, because no one from the past or future has visited us here in the present. I don't buy it... There was this creepy guy I saw at the mall once. I'm sure he was from the 1980s, he just didn't know it. So there's hope for gravity engines too.

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Timing chains generally don't require maintenance as long as oil change schedules are adhered to. Be sure that's been the case for the Quest you're considering. Some owners have reported premature wear of consumable parts, like brakes, so note that a 'shimmying' sensation in the front end during braking indicates a brake job is likely in your Quest's future. Power tailgate and power sliding door mechanism failure may be other issues.



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Typically, Quest's styling, unique design, sky-view roof system and upscale interior looks are highly rated by owners. Spaciousness, handling and overall comfort are also mentioned.

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Taurus

**April 21 - May 21**  
Your task today is to focus all your attention and all your energy in a single direction. Don't let your concentration stray for even a moment. You can achieve something extraordinary, but you've got to be single-minded.

Gemini

**May 22 - June 21**  
Good things are going to happen over the next two or three days. Anything of a creative, romantic or artistic nature is under excellent stars at the moment. So, don't hold back. Give it all you've got.

Cancer

**June 22 - July 23**  
This is the ideal time to let partners and loved ones know how much you care for them. The Sun in the domestic area of your chart makes it easy for you to reveal your innermost thoughts and feelings.

Leo

**July 24 - Aug. 23**  
Get out into the world and have a good time. Meet as many interesting new people as you possibly can. Don't worry about your work. It will still be there waiting for you when you get back — if you get back!

Virgo

**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**  
You want to buy yourself lots of pretty things, no matter how much they cost. But can you afford it? Don't spend up to your credit limit now and spend the rest of the year living on bread and water.

Libra

**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**  
Make the most of the opportunities that come your way over the next few days. If you don't, you will hate yourself for being too slow and indecisive. Find the courage to take the kind of risks most people avoid.

Scorpio

**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**  
You need to decide what is going to be your number one aim — and you need to get after it today and every day until you have reached your ultimate goal. What moves you? What inspires you?

Sagittarius

**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**  
The more you work with those who share your aims and ideals, the more of a positive effect you will have on the world around you — and the more fun you will have.

Capricorn

**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**  
You are about to be tested and challenged like never before. Do you have what it takes to confront your inner demons? Do you have the strength to battle them and overcome them? Of course you do.

Aquarius

**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**  
You have got to stand up for what you believe. Unless you are clear in your own mind what it is that's worth fighting for, you won't be able to persuade others to fight for it too. They need you to lead.

Pisces

**Feb. 20 - March 20**  
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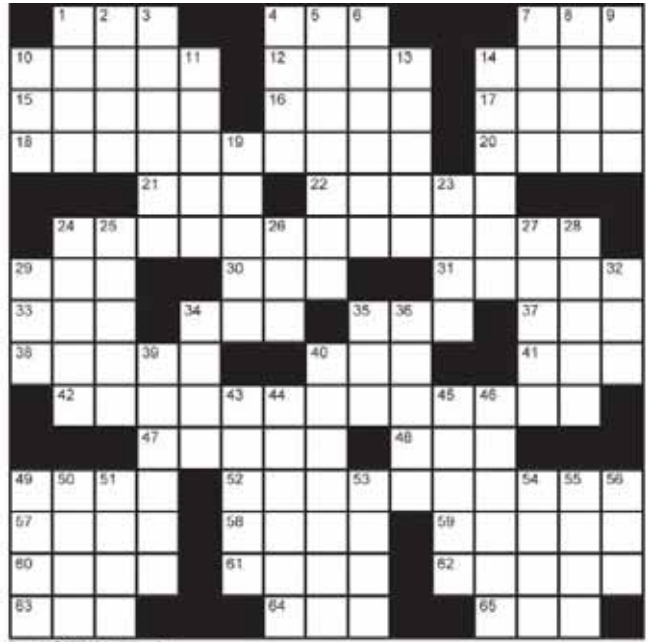
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Across

- Existed
- Chicken \_\_\_\_ king (2 wds.)
- By what means
- African animal whose full name means "river horse"
- Ship's spar
- Mentally sound
- Syrian president Bashar al-\_\_\_\_
- Free Willy star
- French islands
- They form the Alberta-BC border (2 wds.)
- Exam
- Wed. preceder
- Playful caper
- PEI city known as "The Birthplace of Confederation"
- Corrida cheer
- \_\_\_\_ Vegas
- Comment made while fanning oneself (2 wds.)
- Day's coolest temperature
- "Shame on you!"
- Parliamentarians, for short
- 7th Greek letter (looks like an H)
- \_\_\_\_ circumstances beyond our control ... " (2 wds.)
- Alumna bio word
- Small drink of liquor
- Rock band from Kingston, Ontario, nine of whose albums have reached #1 in Canada; with "The" (2 wds.)
- Native New Zealander

Down

- Desire
- Altar end of church
- Aggressive ancient Greek city-state
- Violently frenzied
- Cowboy ropes
- Climber's task
- \_\_\_\_ and hearty: able-bodied
- Single units
- BC's Coast
- Chapeau
- Smell
- Delicate discrimination
- Funny TV series, for short
- Jail units
- Response to "Can that be true?" (2 wds.)
- Influence, as in politics
- Tree cutter
- Acorn dropper
- \_\_\_\_ "Was Young": Animals hit (2 wds.)



- What a dissatisfied diner may leave (2 wds.)
- Stale
- Open, as a keg
- Greek garb
- Mad Max actor Gibson
- Animal skins
- Least thrilling
- Artless simplicity
- Classical architecture style dating back to ancient Greece
- Early spring bloomer
- Workout spots for women, for short
- Sweatshirt with a top
- Brings up the rear
- 4,047 square metres
- Toronto-born rocker Young
- Carpet measurement
- Exaggerated, as a story
- "That \_\_\_\_ no concern to you": "None of your business" (2 wds.)
- Satisfied sounds

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